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WORLD MISSIONS RALLY HELD AT GARAYWA

Baptists from every section of the state were present for the annual World Missions Rally sponsored by the Brotherhood Department. Several present are, from left: R. F. Robinson, Fulton; Rev. E. L. Howell, Brotherhood director; Miss Carey Sullivan, Hatties-

burg; Robert McCann, Hattiesburg; Rev. Dick Meford, missionary to Indians in Montana; Mrs. J. P. Everett, Sartoria, and Mrs. Curtis Askew, missionary to Japan. The rally was held Saturday of last week.

Convention Board To Meet At Baptist Building Sept. 27-28

The annual principal business meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held at the new Mississippi Baptist Convention Building in Jackson, Sept. 27-28, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, the board's executive secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Robert L. Hamblin of Tupelo is president of the body and is scheduled to preside.

The 100-member board is scheduled to adopt a Cooperative Program budget for 1972, hear reports of all phases of its work and make recommendations to be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson, Nov. 10-12 at the city's historic First Baptist Church.

Other officers of the board are Rev. J. R. Davis, DeKalb, vice-president, and Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg, recording secretary.

The board will convene at 2:00 p.m. Monday and adjourn when it completes its work, possibly Monday night or Tuesday morning, Dr. Hudgins said.

The executive committee will meet Monday morning in the Executive Committee room.

The board is the official agency of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, appointed by the convention to carry out its mission program as well as other assignments.

The executive committee will be presided over by Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson, chairman.

Other officers are Rev. Estus Mason, Crystal Springs, vice-chairman, and Dr. Barnes, recording secretary.

Other members of the Executive Committee are Dr. George Purvis, Jackson physician; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, and Rev. Bill Baker, Calhoun City.

Ex-officio members of the board and executive committee are Dr.

Hudgins and Glenn Perry, Philadelphia, layman, president of the State Convention.

The audit, budget and allocations committee of the board has held several meetings at the Baptist Building.

This committee has the responsibility of formulating the Cooperative Program budget that is presented to the board for consideration and approval and later to the State Convention for adoption.

It met to hear the administrative heads of the denomination's institutions, boards and agencies present their needs for the coming year.

The Cooperative Program is the denomination's principal channel of mission giving and accounts for about two-thirds of all mission contributions.

This year's budget is \$4,265,000.

Members of this committee are: Dr. Barnes, chairman; George Estes, Jr., Gulfport; Rev. Grant Clark, Corinth, and Lamar McDonald, Meridian.

The Sunday School Enlargement Improvement Campaign set for 1972 will be discussed at the meeting of the board, Dr. Hudgins added.

Minnesota Has Tax Credit Plan 'Aid'

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Four of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kenney's five children are going to Incarnation Catholic School here this fall, just as they did last year.

Mr. Kenney will continue to serve on the school's board and will do his best, as he always has, to meet the parish request that parents contribute \$150 a year to the church for each child they have enrolled to help defray school costs.

But whereas tuition for the four elementary school children cost him \$95 last year, Mr. Kenney will be putting out \$360 this fall. But when income tax time comes next spring, Mr. Kenney will get his \$360 back.

He will thus realize a \$95 savings over the previous year, and Incarnation School will benefit from an additional \$265.

Mr. Kenney will get his rebate as a result of the tax credit plan for par-

ents of parochial and private-school students passed by the Minnesota Legislature.

The law now facing a Constitutional test, seeks to help financially plagued parochial schools by aiding the schools indirectly.

Maximum credits permitted per child are \$50 for kindergarten, \$100 for grade school and \$140 for high school.

In some instances, as in Mr. Kenney's case, both the school and parents will reap some benefits. The school was able to raise its per-pupil tuition from a \$35 maximum to \$90, and the parents will realize a \$90-per-pupil rebate in the spring.

Because the tax credit generally comes to only 25 per cent of the per-pupil educational cost, parishes will continue to subsidize their elementary schools to a great extent. Thus families like the Kennys will have to continue parish contributions.

But in some cases the parents will benefit only to the extent that they will be reimbursed for the amount of tuition increase the schools will charge this year.

Benilde High School in suburban St. Louis Park, for example, increased its tuition \$140, from last year's \$550 average to \$690. But because parents will receive a \$140 tax credit, the cost to them will be about the same as last year.

"I don't mind not benefiting money-wise as long as the school is able to

continue," said Harvey Stangler of Minneapolis, who has a son attending Benilde.

Bob Burke, research consultant for the Minnesota Catholic Conference, said that almost all the state's Catholic schools will be raising tuition levels this year and that half of the increases would be "substantial."

"Tuition at the elementary level will be, on the average, double what

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PCAU Asks Cancellation Of Knights' Tax Exemption

WASHINGTON, D. C. (C-SNS) — Plans announced by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus for a national lobbying campaign to pass laws to provide financial assistance to nonpublic schools has inspired a request to the Internal Revenue Service that the organization's tax exemption be canceled. The request was made in a letter from Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, to Johnnie M. Walters, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, dated August 31.

In his letter Mr. Archer reminded

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Southern Baptist Missions In 'Revival'

By Jesse C. Fletcher

Baptist Press Richmond Bureau Chief
RICHMOND (BP) — A spirit of revival is sweeping Southern Baptist missions in four Southeast Asia countries, changing mission patterns and missionary attitudes, according to reports of mission meetings from the four countries.

Reports from Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and Thailand indicate that realignment of mission priorities quickly followed confession and reconciliation among the missionaries themselves.

The renewal, which also enveloped the missionaries children, began in a prayer retreat on West Java earlier this year but reached its peak during the four meetings this summer. Each was marked by confession of sin, tears of joy, spontaneous praise and fervent testimony.

R. Keith Parks, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for Southeast Asia and R. Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, attended all four meetings. They insisted that the common denominator was the work of the Holy Spirit.

"It was a movement, a sweeping work by God's own Spirit," said Guy.

Reexamination of traditional subsidy programs, new emphasis on partnership with national Christians, increased efforts of letting church life develop according to indigenous culture, and decreased emphasis on institutionalism were the most obvious trends manifested at the annual mission meetings.

One of the most significant recommendations emerged from Indonesia in a proposal to close their seminary in Semarang, Java, in favor of the development of training national leaders.

William M. McElrath, mission press representative in Indonesia said, "difficult decisions about evangelistic strategy grew out of a deepening awareness of divine leadership."

Charles H. Morris, press representative in Malaysia, said, "What missionaries had tried to write out by effort was brought in by the Holy Spirit at the annual Malaysia mission meeting."

The mission in Thailand voted to reduce its policy-making role in favor

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September Designated As Baptist Foundation Month

By Carey E. Cox
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Baptist Foundation

September is designated Foundation month in the Southern Baptist Convention calendar of activities.

It is a time when Southern Baptists are to be reminded of the services offered by their state Foundations and the responses which should be made to its services.

Much thought is given by most Baptists in the area of improving their economic status.

Unfortunately, the same amount of thought is not given to God's will as it is related to estate planning.

Every Christian would do well to constantly remember that we are stewards of the total life and of that part of God's material blessings which shall be left at our decease.

You are encouraged to call on your Mississippi Baptist Foundation for assistance in establishing a trust agreement and in guidance for the production of Christian wills.

The record of your Foundation is such as should inspire total confidence in the areas of safety as well as commendation in the excellent investment yields produced.

For the fiscal year which closed June 30, 1971, the yield on the Trust and Annuities Fund was 6.88 per cent and the yield on the General Endowment Fund was 7.17 per cent.

This excellent yield is a testimony to the investment committee which is composed of outstanding Christian laymen.

The principal of the funds administered by the Foundation is \$3,367,186.00. The gifts for the year amounted to \$228,078.00.

The Foundation earned for the accounts serviced \$207,692.00.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation establishes trust agreement of various kinds but specifically where the total of the income produced shall forever thereafter go to the cause of Christ designated by the donor.

We also have many trust agreements where an individual or couple received the total income produced

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Pastor-Minister Of Music Retreat Ready

A statewide Baptist Pastor-Minister of Music Retreat will be held at the First Baptist Church in Meridian Sept. 30.

Oct. 1, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsor.

Out-of-state clinicians will be Dr. Grady Cothen, president of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary; Dr. W. W. Lancaster, pastor of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Ga.; and John Chandler, consultant Church Music Department of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Coordinator will be Rev. James Yates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City.

Dr. Lancaster will render the devotional at each session, under the subject heading of "Encounter."

The three session subjects will be as follows: "Our Call," "Our Procedure," and "Our Tasks."

The Retreat will feature panel sessions, special music, and subjects including worship, outreach, church renewal, teamwork, self-improvement, job descriptions, concepts, images, and a special emphasis on "Witness Involvement Now," better known as WIN.

Numerous outstanding leaders from over the state will participate on the panels as well as others ways.

Pastors and ministers of music from every section of the state are expected, Mr. Hall said.

The Retreat will begin with lunch at the host church on Thursday and close following lunch on Friday.

Arthur Blessitt Announces Plans For Global Crusade

By Religious News Service

NEW YORK (RNS) — The Rev. Arthur Blessitt, famed for his work on Hollywood's Sunset Strip, left here Sept. 1 for an extended "Jesus People" crusade in the British Isles.

The Baptist clergyman said he planned to carry a cross throughout England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland.

In 1970, Mr. Blessitt and a group of colleagues carried the cross from the West Coast to New York and Washington, D. C.

Mr. Blessitt said in an interview that the trip to Britain was part of a plan to take the cross around the globe in an attempt to awaken people to the Christian Gospel.

He explained that he would stop to train other persons in "Christian witnessing and then move on."

The "Jesus People" evangelist said he expected the global walk-with-the-cross would take three to four years. He will return to the U.S. at the end of the year but intends to be in Scandinavia in Spring, 1972.

Mr. Blessitt also said that a part of his organization will remain in America — while he is in Scandinavia

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Crime In U.S. Up 11% In Year But Below Normal Pace

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Serious crimes reported in the U. S. during 1970 totaled 5,568,200 — an increase of 11 per cent over 1969 and a rise of 176 per cent in volume over the 1960 figure.

The annual crime statistics released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation showed increases in every type of reported crime in the cities, towns and rural areas, with every region of the country touched by the rise in crime.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover stated in the report that the crime rate should be considered as a "victim risk rate."

The 1970 report demonstrates "that the risk of becoming a victim of crime in this country is increasing and that population growth alone cannot account for the crime increases," he said.

Mr. Hoover indicated that "the national crime rate, or the risk of being a victim of one of these crimes, has increased 144 per cent since 1960."

However, Attorney General John N. Mitchell, in a statement accompanying the report, said the 1970 increase in crime was at a slower rate than the past few years and represented a tapering off of the sharp upswing of the mid '60s.

The increase in 1969 was 12 per cent and in 1968 it was 17 per cent.

Mr. Mitchell also noted that crime in large cities (population 250,000 or more) increased by only 6 per cent, compared with a rise of 9 per cent in 1969 and 18 per cent in 1968.

The increase in the suburbs was 14 per cent last year; in the rural areas, 15 per cent.

The breakdown of statistics showed that crime by women has risen sharply since 1960 in all categories, except in prostitution. Arrests of women for all crimes increased 74.4 per cent since 1960; arrests for prostitution declined 43.6 per cent.

Arrests of men for all crimes rose 25.7 per cent.

Violent crimes (murder, rape, robbery, assault) totaled 731,400 in 1970, a 13 per cent increase over 1969 and a 156 per cent increase over 1960.

The reported 4,836,800 property crimes (burglary, larceny, auto theft) in 1970 represented an increase of 11 per cent over 1969 and of 180 per cent since 1960.

According to the statistical data in the report — there was little editorial data — negroes accounted for 64.8 per cent of robbery arrests and 59.9 per cent of murder arrests in 1970.

Whites comprised the majority in

arrests for other major crimes.

The report showed that 100 law enforcement officers were slain in the line of duty during 1970, compared with 86 such deaths in 1969. The 10-year average was 50.

Police were able to solve one in five crimes through arrests in 1970. The solution rate in 1960 was nearly one in three.

The FBI report showed that Miami had the highest major crime rate of any American community, with 5,342 per 100,000 population. San Francisco-Oakland was second with 5,329 and New York City third with 5,220.

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Area Youth Crusade Held In Yazoo City

A Buddy Mathis Youth Revival Crusade was held in Yazoo City August 13-15, with 22 churches participating. The Sunday night service was held at the football stadium in Yazoo City, with 400 to 500 present. Other meetings were held at Calvary Church, Yazoo City, Rev. Jerry File, pastor. On Friday night, about 150 participated in a "Jesus March" (photo at left above—Buddy

Mathis, evangelist, is shown at center, in striped suit). From 23 churches, 72 persons made decisions. Forty decisions were made from Calvary Church. Campus Life Singers, a Youth for Christ group from Jackson (pictured at right above), presented special music. James Beasley, minister of music at Star Church, directed the music for the crusade.

A Mississippi Family Spends The Summer In Volunteer Mission Work In Kalispell, Montana

By Mrs. Rosalie Hicklin, Clerk
Easthaven Baptist Church
Kalispell, Montana

One of the beautiful things about being a child of God and being in a local fellowship with his people is to enjoy and have a part in God's bonus! He, who is the giver of all good things, has richly blessed Easthaven Baptist Church of Kalispell, Montana with an unforgettable summer, largely due to the love and concern of a Mississippi family God sent our way, Mr. and Mrs. Crawley Stubblefield and son, Steve, from the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Stubblefield was to retire from the Mississippi Internal Revenue Service of Jackson May 1 and they began to consider how they could best serve the Lord in their retirement years. They were hoping to find a place where they could combine a vacation and serve the Lord, too. Mr. Stubblefield said, "We just asked the Lord to lead us to a place of service for him, and that it might have scenic beauty and warm, friendly people—He led us to Kalispell."

They arrived in Kalispell June 11 and set up their trailer in a near-by trailer camp, their home for the next two months. Centered in a scenic valley surrounded by mountains and only thirty-three miles from world-famous Glacier National Park, this place was certainly an answer to their prayer.

Since that time they have given unselfishly of their time and talents to serve among God's people here as co-laborers for Christ. On several occasions they gave devotional type messages, and Mr. Stubblefield sang in the choir.

Mrs. Stubblefield (Golda) led the ladies in special conversational prayer sessions weekly with great emphasis on praise, and special orientation on "Prayer" and "The Work of the Holy Spirit."

They were active in visitation and individual prayer and fellowship with members. They were a vital part of the State Family Bible Camp at Hungry Horse, Montana, leading the "people in various activities each afternoon and acting as counselors.

During the August Vacation Bible School, just prior to their departure for home, they taught the young people's class with special emphasis on training young people for personal soul-winning.

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by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, a tax-exempt organization, to pass legislation favorable to its interest. The nationwide campaign, according to the Supreme Council, is "to pass laws to provide financial assistance to nonpublic school students. . . . Most of these funds would go to the Roman Catholic Church to which all Knights belong."

"You are reminded that in April of 1969 the Internal Revenue Service canceled the C-3 status of this organization for its alleged efforts to defeat such legislation and to preserve the strict separation of church and state."

"We call upon the Internal Revenue Service to cancel the tax exemption of the Knights of Columbus. It would only be a fair and impartial enforcement of the law to cancel the exemption of the Knights of Columbus for advocating and promoting precisely the same kind of legislation that Americans United allegedly opposed. "As the Internal Revenue Service is appraised of this inequitable situation, I am sure it will want to correct

Sincerely yours,
GLENN L. ARCHER

Their warm sense of humor, enthusiasm, and marvelous joy in the Lord created a spirit of continuous revival and greatly strengthened the church. If every soldier in God's Army was as aggressive and Spirit-filled, the enemy of our souls would have few opportunities for raising his banner in victory.

The church took action in its August business meeting to adopt a resolution thanking the Stubblefields for their time invested in the Lord's work here. The resolution was voted a permanent part of the church records. A framed copy was presented to them and a copy sent to their church.

Asked to sum up their experiences in Montana, Mrs. Stubblefield said, "Two months ago I suggested to you that, as a spiritual exercise, you try living by one scripture verse a week. One of my very favorite ones is John 10:10—"I am come that they might have life, and that they have it more ABUNDANTLY." Looking back over

these two months we can see the Lord has helped us to claim this scripture. This is the kind of life we have had here and," she continued, "God uses people to carry out his plans and purposes."

In God's divine planbook, there may be others of his children whom He desires to use as He did this family. For those willing to invest a portion of their lives for the Lord in a similar manner, the doors of opportunity, and challenge swing open wide with promises of great spiritual riches for those who would dare to walk through.

Easthaven's pastor, Rev. Robert E. Wall (formerly from Brookhaven, Mississippi), commented, "We are grateful to God for sending the Stubblefields to be a part of our fellowship for a brief season. Only in eternity will the true worth of their investment in missions be fully known. We commend this type service to others as a rich and fruitful avenue of service."

Annie Armstrong Missions Offering Already Exceeds Total For 1970

ATLANTA (BP)—By early August, the Southern Baptists had given more to support the work of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering than they gave during the entire year of 1970.

SBC Home Mission Board Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge reported that Annie Armstrong gifts had reached \$510,469 in early August, compared to \$4,679,175 at the same time in 1970.

"This increase of more than \$335,000 is seven per cent above last year's gifts at this date," Rutledge said. "We are very encouraged about the prospect of setting a new record in our giving."

He added, however, that Home Mission Board officials expect the total for the year will be short of the \$6 million goal.

Confusion Over Translations Noted On Sunday School Literature

NASHVILLE — Recent mail to the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has indicated some confusion concerning the use of the King James Version and the New International Version in Sunday School periodicals.

The trend was noted by A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department. He said many letters received recently by the department concerning adult periodicals mentioned the problem.

Washburn said some churches prefer the King James Version while others prefer contemporary translations. He also indicated that the different series of quarterly publications of the board use different translations.

The printed lesson passage of Convention Uniform Series literature is from the King James Version. The Life and Work Series uses both the King James translation and-or a contemporary translation. The Forefront Series does not quote a specific version as a printed passage and any translation can be used as a reference in studying the materials as long as it is true to the original language.

The Foundation Series, in which all preschool and children's materials appear, use the King James translation as a basic text for content development.

Washburn added that churches should keep Bible translation preferences in mind when choosing literature for the new church year.

Endowments Benefit Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)—An endowment in excess of \$54,000 to benefit Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a \$50,000 trust fund set up to aid students attending Southwestern State Teachers University, Waco, Tex., have been created in recent weeks.

The \$50,000 trust fund for students at Southwestern and Baylor was created by Samuel W. Fisher, a retired Fort Worth certified public accountant.

Minnesota Has Tax 'Aid' Plan

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they were, and high school tuitions will be up 10 to 20 per cent," he said. Peter Gilligan, chairman of Benilde's board of education, said that without the tax credit Benilde would have had to increase its cost to parents substantially. He said that even with the \$140 tax credit added to its tuition, Benilde has to use funds from the Archbishop's Appeal, proceeds from a North Star exhibition hockey game it is sponsoring, and other sources to pay the full cost of maintaining a school.

Since passage of the aid legislation, private and parochial school officials have been working on the difficult tasks of communicating to parents what the law means to them.

Father John R. Gilbert, schools superintendent of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis, has recommended that parishes get parents together in small groups to explain the law.

The archdiocese also recommended that the elementary school tuition be equivalent to the present tuition plus the tax credit, and that the absolute minimum tuition charged by any elementary school should be the amount of the tax credit.

The recommendation for secondary schools calls for tuition policies which "insure the maximum relief will be given to parents of high school students consistent with realistic balanced budgets."

A parent's tax credit will vary with the per pupil educational costs in the school his child attends.

The credit is calculated by first reducing the per pupil cost of education by 20 per cent to eliminate costs of religious instruction. To that base is applied the average percentage of state support for public school operating costs. This year that amounts to about 35 per cent of the base figure.

The credit would be either the result of that calculation or the maximum credit permitted by law, whichever is lower.

An estimated \$21 million of tax credits could be claimed under the measure in Minnesota's 1971-73 biennium if the parents of the 117,000 private and parochial school pupils in the state use the law.

Some parents have expressed reservations about the plan because of

the uncertainty over its constitutionality. "They want to know if they'll still get their refund if it's found unconstitutional, and all we can tell them is we hope so," said one parochial school official.

Mr. Burke believes the law is in a "much shakier position" than it was four or five months ago. "Popular thinking now is that its constitutionality is 50-50 or less," he said.

The increased uncertainty centers on U. S. Supreme Court rulings that struck down Pennsylvania and Rhode Island plans to provide state aid to parochial schools.

In the Pennsylvania case, the Court invalidated the use of tax funds to reimburse private elementary and secondary schools for the cost of textbooks and instructional materials and to provide some teachers' salary aid. The Rhode Island plan involved supplementing parochial teacher salaries.

Supporters of the Minnesota law maintain that the tax credit approach

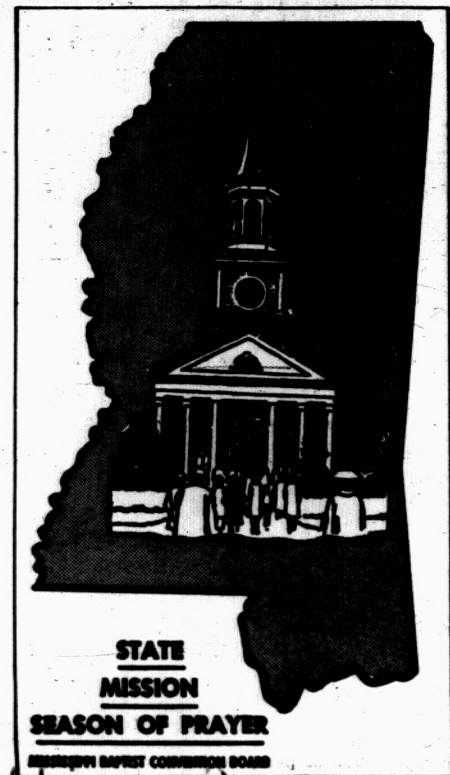
is an "indirect subsidy." But a suit filed recently in Ramsey County District Court (St. Paul) by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union and American United held that the indirect approach is barred by both the U.S. and Minnesota constitutions.

Last year, the State Supreme Court upheld the use of public funds to bus parochial school students, but warned that the busing law "brings us to the brink of unconstitutionality."

Another problem that families face is the requirement that the total tuition must be paid early in the school year. For families having several children in parochial schools, particularly if they're enrolled in high schools, this could mean an early outlay of hundreds of dollars.

To assist parents in this regard, many schools have had to set up special loan programs with local banks. "Making the financial arrangements has been one of our biggest headaches," said Father Richard Mertz, pastor of Incarnation church.

Have You Used Your State Missions Envelope?



Are you the kind of person who breathes a sigh of relief when you miss attending church on the Sunday of a special offering feeling that since you were not there on that day you need not give?

The Sunday designated for the special State Missions Offering is past . . . but the need for this special offering to supplement the state mission part of the cooperative program dollar still exists.

AS AN INDIVIDUAL . . . next Sunday make your designated offering for State Missions. If you can't find in your church an envelope like the one pictured above, just cut this one out, clip it to your offering, and place it in the collection plate.

AS A CHURCH . . . next Sunday report on the amount given thus far and encourage people to participate in this needed effort.

There is an overall dollar goal for the State Missions Offering this year, but even more important is THE INVOLVEMENT OF MORE PEOPLE AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF MORE CHURCHES IN THE OFFERING.

BROADWAY REHEARSALS HAVE BEGUN FOR 'JESUS CHRIST, SUPERSTAR'

NEW YORK (RNS)—Rehearsals began here for the Broadway production of the rock opera "Jesus Christ, Superstar."

The production, which on record and tape has sold 3 million copies in the

U.S., will open at the Mark Hellinger Theatre on Oct. 12.

Jeff Fenholt, a long-haired white youth from Columbus, Ohio, will sing the part of Jesus. The second lead, Judas, will be portrayed by Ben Vereen, a black actor.

Mr. Fenholt was in the rock musical "Hair," whose director, Tom O'Horgan, is also directing "Superstar."

"People Are Too Expensive," Says British Minister

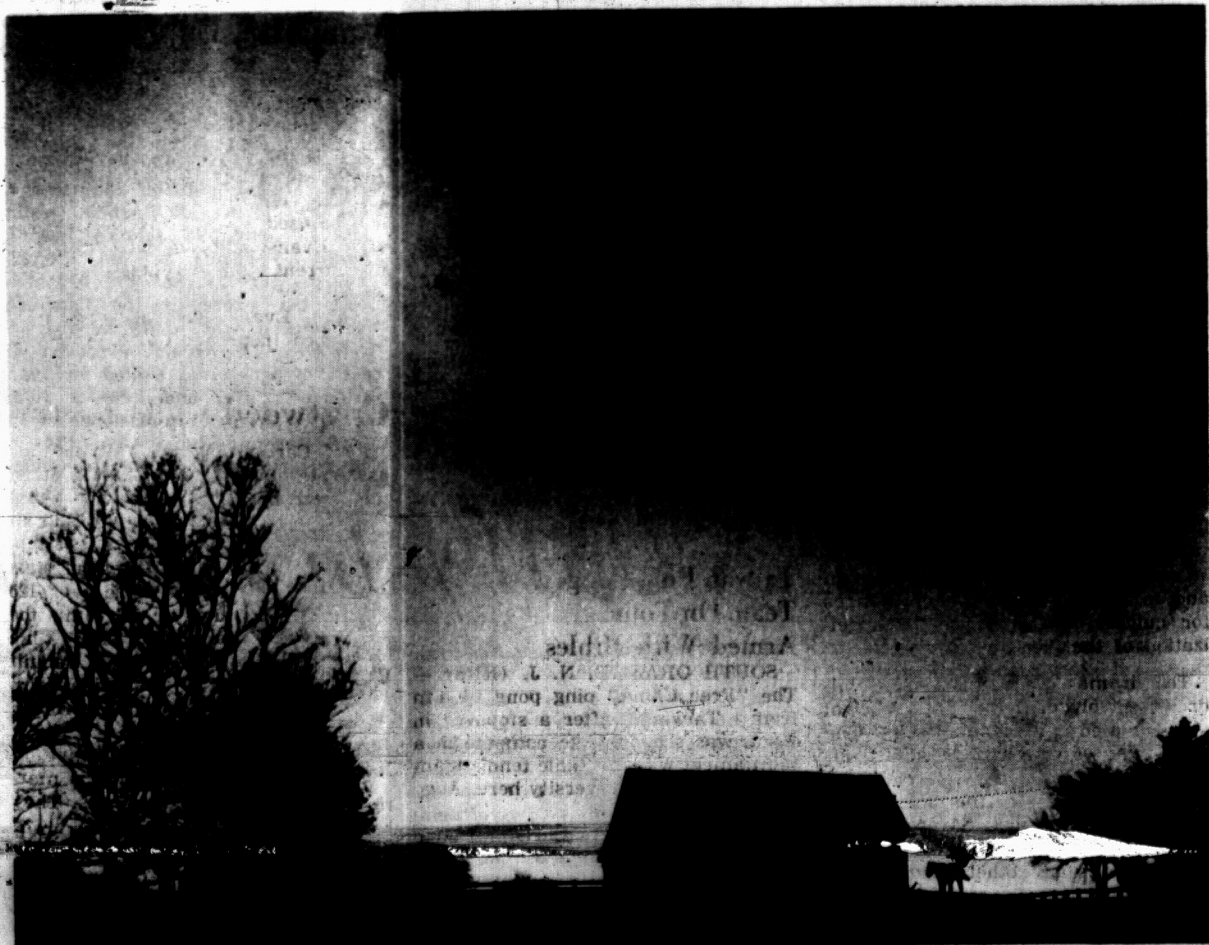
"People are now so expensive that it is cheaper to do without them," writes David Fraser, minister of Hearsall Baptist Church, Coventry, England, in an article in the Baptist Times, a weekly newspaper published in London.

"In at one end, collect basket, help yourself—you are on your own. The silent anti-theft TV cameras and mirrors watch you coldly."

"At the other end you pass through the check-out — no time to talk, too long a queue, might make a mistake — and expelled into the outside world again."

Fraser compares the church with the supermarket — and with the telephone company which will one day find it so cheap to make a telephone and so expensive to send a man around to mend the one you have, that the company will send you a new one through the mail when the old one breaks down.

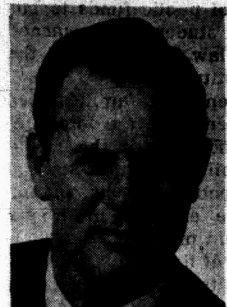
Helping persons to cope with life in the deperationalized society is the concern of Christians, says the minister. "We are challenged by the days in which we live to help people to survive the anonymity of tomorrow," he continues. (EBPS).



AUTUMN AFTERNOON

First, Gulfport Marks Diamond Jubilee Month

September is Diamond Jubilee Month at First Baptist Church, Gulfport. The church was organized on September 19, 1898, and will



Dr. Traylor



Dr. Odle

climax its Diamond Jubilee celebration on Sunday, September 19. Pastor John Traylor will preach at the morning service, there will be an old fashioned "Dinner on the Grounds" and one of the former pastors, Dr. Joe Odle, will speak at the evening hour.

The church was organized on a Saturday, in the home of W. B. Thornton, located on 26th avenue, just across the street from the rail road station. It was the first church of any denomination to be organized in the community, and there were eight charter members. Leading in the organization was Rev. J. J. W. Mathis, pastor of the Handsboro Church. The first pastor was Rev. Joseph Jacobs.

The church entered its first building on Sunday, September 16, 1899. In 1911 new property at the present church site was purchased and plans started for a new building. First services in the new structure, which was most commodious for its time, were held on November 14, 1915. Dr. James B. Leavell was pastor at that time. This old building burned in the fall of 1930. The present sanctuary was dedicated on May 17, 1938, during the pastorage of W. G. Tanner.

Several special programs have featured Diamond Jubilee Month.

On Sunday, September 5, the church observed "Old Fashioned Day" with the pastor and his family riding to church in a horse drawn buggy. The congregation met them outside the church, giving an enthusiastic welcome. On that afternoon there was a baptismal service in the Gulf of Mexico with a number of persons being baptized. Several of them had been won during the recent James Robison Crusade.

On that Sunday evening there was

Ridgeland Church Has New Pastor

Rev. Jerry David Odom began his ministry as pastor of the Ridgeland Church, Ridgeland, on July 11, coming from the position of associate pastor of South Side Church, Meridian.



Mr. Odom's hometown is Meridian. Ordained to the Gospel ministry by his home church, Oakland Heights, he received degree from Mississippi College. While a senior, he was called to pastor Mission Church, Winona.

He received the Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary. While a student he was called as youth director and his wife as music director to Central Church, Hillsboro, Texas. Since seminary graduation, he has served in the following churches: minister of education, South Norfolk Church, Chesapeake, Virginia; pastor, Hillcrest Church, Suffolk, Virginia; associate pastor, South Side, Meridian.

Mr. Odom's wife is the former Lana Nelms of Tupelo. They met at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly during the summer of 1962, and were married the following summer. She attended Blue Mountain College, and graduated from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, with a major in vocal music. She has served the following churches as music director: Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain; Calvary Church, Portsmouth, Virginia; Hillcrest Church, Suffolk, Virginia; South Side Church, Meridian.

The Odoms have one child, Jerry D. Odom, Jr.

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Annually the Foundation is increased whereby some part of the estate shall ultimately give support to some area of the denominational program.

Your Mississippi Baptist Foundation invites your inquiry into its functions and offers to serve you in these and other areas.

a special candlelight service, featuring the youth choir from First Church, Mendenhall. Gulfport's Youth minister, Randy Perry brought the message to a tremendous crowd.

On Wednesday night, September 8, the church held a Gay Nineties Banquet, with Bob Harrington, Chaplain of Bourbon Street, New Orleans, as the featured speaker. Approximately 700 persons attended the service, completely filling Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 12, was "Back to School" Sunday, and public school teachers were honored. A special souvenir Diamond Anniversary pencil was presented to every person present, and pen and pencil sets were presented to the teachers, and to pupils who brought them. There were more than 100 teachers in the service.

Anniversary Sunday is expected to be climactic day, and has been designated as "Miracle Day." Friends and former members have been invited to attend. Special recognized guests will be delegates from all of the churches which have been organized out of, or under the sponsorship of the church. A special feature of the evening service will be the showing of some moving pictures out of the church's past history. Dr. Traylor said concerning the services, and the big "Dinner on the Grounds," "We are praying for the miracle of feeding 2000."

The month's observance will close with September 26 being designated as "75 Plus One" Sunday, marking the beginning of the 75th year of the church's history, and the launching of "A Forward Thrust For Christ." The theme for this new year will be "Forward For Christ."



Commercial Art To Be Taught Evenings At MC

Mississippi College will expand its art department with the opening of the 1971-72 school session by offering a course in the Evening School program in commercial art.

Dr. Sam Gore, chairman of the art department, said that Bob Howie, above, noted cartoonist with the Jackson Daily News, has been employed on a part-time basis by the college and will serve as instructor in the commercial art area.

Although Mr. Howie will be listed as the instructor, he has lined up a three-member advisory board to work with him in teaching the courses.

Assisting Mr. Howie will be Carl Davis of Gordon Marks Advertising Agency, Ron Despeaux of Godwin Advertising Agency, and Gerry Gendrick of Mississippi Authority for Educational Television.

The courses will include lettering, layout and general design work and will run both first and second semester. They are not limited to just art majors, but any individual interested in this general area can register for class provided they meet college admission requirements.

Southeastern Asia

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of a joint relationship between nationals and missionaries. Missionary Press Representative Ronald C. Hill reported that the near unanimous acceptance of this new departure is indicative of the spirit of unity and mutual trust in the group.

Mrs. Betty Merrill, missionary reporter from Vietnam, said, "The missionaries instructed their executive committee to begin moving toward a complete study of the present structures and methods in Vietnam and to report recommended changes for quicker, more effective evangelization of the country."

The drama of the missionary children's involvement in the renewal was repeated in all four missions. The same type of spontaneous revival affecting their missionary parents and others prevailed in the missionary kids' own gatherings. Several young people made professions of faith in Christ, and many others rededicated themselves to God's service.

Guy and W. Bryant Hicks, missions professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., originally went to Indonesia to share in a survey among nationals as requested by the missionaries.

Brotherhood Adopts Budget, Elects Leaders

MEMPHIS (BP)—Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission meeting here in annual session approved a record \$658,800 budget and elected two key leaders for the denomination's organization of men and boys.

Elected as executive secretary for the commission was Glendon McCullough, personnel director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board Atlanta; and named as chairman of the 36-member commission was John J. Smarge, a utilities contractor from Silver Spring, Md.

In another major action, the commission called for a crash program by the commission staff to develop a plan aimed at more effectively involving men in the Baptist Men's arm of the Brotherhood program.

The new budget represents an increase of more than \$128,000 over the 1970-71 budget of \$530,000. Most of the increase is earmarked for field services, promotional materials, salaries and added help for states where Southern Baptist work with laymen is weak.

Funds for the budget will come from a \$281,000 allocation from the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program, plus \$377,800 in anticipated revenue of sale of Brotherhood periodicals and merchandise.

The commissioners also approved the appointment of a three-man committee to study the feasibility of a conventionwide annual men and boys missions offering.

Other new commission officers include Hovie D. Revis Jr., pastor of Laurel Baptist Church of Greenville, S. C., vice chairman; and Amos Ledbetter, pastor of Round Tree Baptist Church, Thomasville, Ala., recording secretary.

Mrs. L. R. Williams, Long Time Church Leader, Passes Away

Mrs. L. R. Williams, 87, resident of 837 North St., and former longtime resident of 555 West Silas Brown St. in Jackson, died at Baptist Hospital Saturday night, Sept. 11, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Williams was the former Nora Purvis, a native of Port Gibson. She had been a resident of Jackson since 1900. She was a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

She was active in church, social welfare, and civic affairs of Jackson. A member of Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, where she served for a number of years as Education Secretary. She also served with the Mississippi Baptist Training Union under Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, and was on the staff of the Baptist Record.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. W. F. Owen, of Jackson; a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marie Williams, of Phoenix, Ariz.; five grandchildren, William L. Owen, New Orleans, La.; F. Owen, Fort Collins, Colo.; Richard L. Williams, San Antonio, Texas; Robert B. Williams, and Anne Williams of Phoenix. Her husband died in 1951, and a son Col. Lee Roy Williams died in 1960.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Griffith Memorial Baptist Church with the Rev. Wilton Winstead and the Rev. Herman A. Milner officiating. Interments in Cedar Lawn Cemetery.

Crime In U. S.

(Continued From Page 1) FBI authorities warn, however, that comparisons between cities are complicated since they use different reporting techniques.

Baltimore was shown to have the highest rate of urban "violent crime" (murder, rape, robbery, assault) in the nation with 1,008 per 100,000 population.

New York City was second with 980 "violent crimes" per 100,000.

The FBI "Crime Clocks" for 1970 showed: Serious crimes in the U.S.—11 each minute; Violent crimes—one every 43 seconds; Murder—one every 33 minutes; Forcible rape—one every 14 minutes; Aggravated assault—one every 96 seconds; Robbery—one every 91 seconds; Burglary—one every 15 seconds; Larceny (\$50 and over)—one every 18 seconds; Auto theft—one every 34 seconds.

Taiwan Ping Pong Team On Tour Armed With Bibles

SOUTH ORANGE, N. J. (RNS)—The "Free China" ping pong team from Taiwan, after a stopover in Peru, was scheduled to compete in a tournament with the table tennis team from Seton Hall University here, Aug. 30.

The players, all Christian, have competed in tournaments in Hong Kong and Korea and won their places on the Taiwan team through competition in Taipei.

Each team member will carry a Bible instead of the "Sayings of Mao Tse-tung," which will be carried by the team from mainland China scheduled for an American tour later.



PERSIAN COLOSSI

FIGURES ON which Queen Esther may have gazed in the summer palace grounds of Cyrus, Darius, xerxes and Artaverxes at Persepolis, Persia—from "The Inheritance," a TV color special produced by the Radio and Television Commission in association with the National Broadcasting Company.

Late News Flashes

JOHNNY CASH CALLS ATTENTION TO MORE DEMAND FOR GOSPEL SONGS

TORONTO, Ont. (RNS)—Singer Johnny Cash is singing more Gospel songs now because, he says, more and more people are searching for Jesus. "I want to leave people with something solid—a spiritual uplift," the 30-year-old singer said as he prepared for his show at the Canadian National Exhibition here.

"It's the way I've been going for some time. More and more people are wanting to know about Jesus," Mr. Cash, who will be appearing with Billy Graham at the evangelist's Fort Worth, Tex., Crusade Sept. 28, said his participation in the crusade will be one more step in his increasing spiritual emphasis. He still defines himself as a man of the common people, reaching out to them, doing what they want.

"I'm not an ordained minister, so I'm not an evangelist," he said. "People like to put labels on me, but I can't be categorized."

GIVING TO CHURCH COLLEGES DOWN IN LAST ACADEMIC YEAR

NEW YORK (EP)—Giving to the nation's private institutions of higher education dropped in the 1969-70 academic year for the first time in 12 years.

A survey by the Council of Financial Aid to Education showed that voluntary support for 575 universities, colleges, and specialized schools dropped 8.6 per cent between 1968-69 and 1969-70. These were the institutions reporting in both years.

Of this total, approximately 375 listed themselves as "church related" and 20 said they were "church controlled."

The group of 575 received \$1,126,786,000 in the previous year as compared to \$1,030,250,000 in 1969-70.

In the same period, public support for 148 state and municipal institutions rose 16.3 per cent, from \$237,302,000 to \$275,868,000.

The decrease for the private universities and colleges interrupted a trend of about 9 per cent a year increase over the past decade.

Voluntary support fell 28.3 per cent between 1955 and 1969.

Arkansas Widow Gives \$250,000 To Ouachita Baptist College In Arkansas

ARCADELPHIA, Ark. (BP)—A widow from Dermott, Ark., Mrs. Scottie Evans, has donated \$250,000 to Ouachita Baptist University here to help finance construction of a new student center.

It is the largest single gift by a living individual in the history of the school, according to Daniel Grant, president of the university.

The contribution, in stocks of the Combined Insurance Co. of America, will be used toward the construction of a new \$1 million student center. Mrs. Evans said she felt after a visit to the campus that replacement of the current student center, built in 1940, is the university's greatest building need.

Mrs. Evans' husband, Leonard B. Evans, was district manager of the Combined Insurance Co. of America before his death in 1960.

Crestwood Calls Pastor

Rev. Carlie Hill has assumed the pastorate of Crestwood Church, Jackson, after having served three years as pastor of First Church, Mississippi City.

During his pastorate there over 125 united with the church. Also the church was rebuilt after extensive damage from Hurricane Camille. He is a native of Gulfport, and is married to the former Oleta Lewis. They have four children.

The minister received his B.A. degree from Williams Master of Religious Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. Prior to his ministry at Mississippi City, Rev. and Mrs. Hill worked with the deaf at First Churches in Gulfport, Shreveport, La.; and Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. Carrie Atkins Active In Church, Dies On Sept. 5th

Mrs. Carrie Smith Atkins, who suffered a broken hip at her home in Columbus on July 3, died at noon Sept. 5, her 82nd birthday, at Columbus MediCenter.

Mrs. Atkins, daughter of the late Columbus and Mattie E. Ball of Pontotoc County, was born Sept. 4, 1879.

As a girl, she was a member of the Cherry Creek Baptist Church and attended Chickasaw Female College. She was considered one of the beauties of the state.

On May 11, 1898, she was married to Willie Henderson Smith, who died in 1938. She later married W. M. Atkins.

During her early marriage to Mr. Smith, they made their home a short while in Holly Springs, prior to moving to Columbus in 1902. They were charter members of East End Baptist Church, which was organized in 1904.

She served as WMU president for 50 years, was teacher, then substitute teacher for years of the T.E.L. Sunday school Class, and also served as class president many years. She sponsored the Y.W.A. for over 25 years.

Mrs. Atkins raised beautiful flowers which she furnished and arranged for the church every Sunday for over 25 years. When she retired in this capacity, she was presented a pin in appreciation.

She provided transportation for many church members, who otherwise could not have attended, until she was over 85 years of age. She attended church services regularly until her accident.

The mother of eight children, she is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Earl (Carra Bell) Cockrell of Tupelo, Mrs. W. R. (Sarah) Horton of Columbus, Mrs. C. F. (Florence) Hanselmann of Faber, Va., and Mrs. Don (Margretta) Brice of Atlanta; 17 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Services were held at 4 p. m. Sunday at Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Carey Sansing officiating, assisted by Rev. K. Z. Stevens. Burial will be in Friendship Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Franklin Smith, Lawrence Earl Smith, James Trotter, Herbert Trotter, her grandsons; and H. M. Davy and Logan Tribble.

Honorary pallbearers were deacons and men of the "East End Baptist Church. The flower committee was composed of members of the T.E.L. and Homemakers classes of the church.

Arthur Blessitt

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—to conduct an intensive spiritual campaign in New Hampshire just before the nation's first Presidential primary there in March.

He said the time has come to elect a President who will not "hold an Inaugural Ball in Washington while people are starving a few blocks away."

The Chief Executive, Mr. Blessitt stated, should be a man who through his personal faith in God calls the nation to "righteousness."

The New Hampshire plans, he added, call for prayer meetings in every town and city beginning 30 days before the primary.

"There are spiritual issues the Presidential candidates should respond to," Mr. Blessitt said.

Love is the only game in which two can play and both lose.

Gravity seems to be a force that brings everything down except prices.

Many people are lonely because they build walls and not bridges.

Common sense is instinct; enough of it is genius.

Lockjaw wouldn't be so bad if only the right people had it.

A great man is one who can have power and not abuse it.

So live your life that your autograph will be wanted, not your fingerprints.

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EDITORIAL

Has The Church Failed?

"The church has failed!" This is the charge which quite often is made against the church as an institution, and the excuse offered by some for neglecting or completely rejecting the church and its invitation to follow Christ.

When the statement is challenged, its maker usually replies, "We still have war! We still have poverty! We still have suffering! We still have sin in the world! That shows that the church has failed!"

How interesting! By the same logic, one could say that soap has failed because there still is dirt in the world; medicine has failed because there still is death in the world; or that laws have failed because there still is lawlessness in the world.

Who informed these self-appointed critics that it was the purpose of the church to do away with war, poverty, pain and sin? Where in all the Bible is there any word that God is going to remake this world and solve all of its social problems through the church?

Certainly, the Bible does speak of a time to come when there will be no more war, no more poverty, no more suffering, and even Satan himself shall be bound. But nowhere it is even intimated that the church is going to bring these things to pass.

The warless, hungerless, sinless world, will come only through the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ. Any careful study of the Bible will reveal this fact. When He comes "the kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever." Romans 11:15 But this does not happen until He returns. There are many other passages relating to these truths, but careful exegesis reveals that they will not be fulfilled until Christ's return.

The church was not set up in the world by the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem the social order, or to reclaim degenerate world systems. It was established to be the Lord's representa-

tive on the earth, to proclaim God's message of salvation to the ends of the earth, and to provide men who have accepted Christ a place of fellowship and service. It was not set here to save the world system, but to save men out of this system.

The church has failed? Look at what the church has accomplished in the world. Look at the multiplied millions who have been saved through its proclaimed message; look at the lives made over, at the homes redeemed, and at the establishment of institutions and agencies of mercy which have blessed the world through its history. No institution on earth is stronger today, and no force has had more influence upon the world.

The church is not going to make the world over, and nowhere in the Bible do you find the promise that it will do

so. Instead, the Bible clearly says that world conditions are going to grow steadily worse as the time for the return of the Lord approaches.

Men need to get away from the concept that the church is nothing more than a social agency seeking to bolster up a sagging social system. It does influence social conditions, and even nations, but those are not its direct responsibility, but rather are by-products of the task of winning men to God. When men are saved they change the society around them. There is no other way that it can be done.

The church has not failed, nor will it fail! The promise of God is that it will be here until His return. Our task is to make the church what He means for it to be, a lighthouse in the midst of the darkness of this world.

Billy Graham Return Needed

Along with millions of other Americans last week, we watched the three telecasts from the Billy Graham Crusade in Oakland, Calif.

And like others of those millions we felt our own hearts moved and blessed by the messages, the music, the power, and the response as thousands came to Christ.

As we watched a conviction deepened in our hearts that Mississippi needs to invite Dr. Graham to return for another crusade here.

It was nearly 20 years ago that Billy was in Jackson. Never can Jacksonians and other Mississippians who participated forget those days of high spiritual accomplishment. Newell field, at Bailey Junior High, was filled night after night, and multitudes found Christ during those days.

A whole new generation has grown up since then, and we need such a revival experience again. This does not

mean that other men cannot also be used of God for mighty revival, for they can be, but there is only one Billy Graham at this hour, and the unusual blessings God has placed upon him and his team are needed in Mississippi now.

A return engagement is not unprecedented, for Billy has returned to many cities for second crusades. And always, the second crusade has been greater than the first.

There are a number of reasons why we need such a revival.

1. Mississippi needs the same type of revival experience as has blessed other cities and states where the team has gone.

2. Billy is appealing to youth as never before, and a whole generation of Mississippi young people have grown from childhood or even from birth since he last was here.

3. The appeal of this evangelist, moreover, is to all ages, and all ages need the spiritual experience.

4. We now have a stadium that will seat three or four times as many as the one used in the last crusade, and there would be adequate space for the tremendous crowds which would be attending.

5. Dr. Graham is older now, and out of his maturity and rich experiences, plus his spiritual growth, could bring a ministry that all of us need.

6. Christian pastors and leaders of the Jackson and Mississippi area would be spiritually enriched by the soul-winning school which would precede the crusade, as personal workers were trained for the meeting.

7. Dr. Graham said to your editor last year that he would like to come back to Jackson, so I am convinced that favorable consideration would be given if an invitation were extended.

Plans for such a crusade cannot be made overnight, and solid dates probably would have to be set several years ahead. This means that it could be three or four years before the team could come, even if an invitation were extended.

We sincerely hope that others feel as we do, and that soon some group will take the lead and start the movement that will invite Dr. Graham to return to our state.

We do not know of anything that could be more spiritually meaningful right now than this.



Expectancy from Two Churches

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Thanks To Young People And To All Mississippians

Dear Bro. Odle:

We have just closed (last night) our VBS in our church. We have had a busy and most enjoyable summer.

The wonderful young people from Mississippi did a great job for our Association and State. They were Judy McCollum, Pam Bell, Joe Ginn and Steve Lemke. We learned to love and appreciate them so very much. We hope they can come back next summer.

I want to thank you and the wonderful people of Mississippi for all you have done and meant for the State of Montana. Had it not been for you we would have had a most difficult time making it. Do remember us in your prayers.

E. K. Shepherd
First Southern
Great Falls, Montana

Praises Music Department Of Convention Board

Dear Dr. Odle:

We know that much of the work done at our Miss. Baptist Convention Board goes unnoticed and often unappreciated. Some of it is unknown to the average Mississippi Baptist. For many years I have watched and known about most of it. This is simply my first time to acknowledge it.

This past summer the Music Department at the Baptist Building performed a ministry that all of our churches should be familiar with. Young people, and some older ones, went out to the churches to help in VBS and to conduct music classes.

This church is just beginning to realize what Linda Carley did for us in early summer and then what Kathy Richie did later during VBS. Our people are still talking about them and wishing that we had them in the membership of our church.

Not only did the Music Department perform their regular responsibilities, but they carefully chose and assigned just the right people to the right churches. Dan Hall and his group have performed a wonderful ministry for our churches. They did not select the larger ones and let the small ones wait either! We want to do it all over again!

Please let the other churches in our state know of what our Music Department is doing for us. Just possibly some of them will pick up the phone, half hopefully, but needing to try, and call for help too. We, at Nesbit Baptist Church, believe they will get it!

H. S. Rogers, Pastor
Nesbit Baptist Church

EDUCATION... what's happening

Almost one out of five American adults continues his education in an organized way on a part-time basis each year. This is another clue to the fact that we are a part of a society in which education is emerging as a major and pervasive force.

We seem to be phasing out of a period in which political and economic institutions have been dominant in our society and entering a period in which education is becoming the dominant social institution.

—Alan B. Knox, Columbia University, Teachers College

The theologian enthused at length over his field, citing its complexities, the various schools of thought, et cetera. After listening to the recitation, the astrophysicist said rather loftily, "But after all, when you boil it down to basics, it is just a matter of 'Love thy neighbor,' isn't it?"

The physicist then led off on his field



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The Power Of Locomotion

By W. Morris Ford

Locomotion is defined as "the act or power of moving from one place to another." This runs the gamut from the human or animal power of locomotion to the thrust of the mighty rockets of our generation. New dictionaries have had to enlarge the definition of the locomotive. Just a few years back it read, "A self-propelling electric or steam engine on wheels, especially one for use on a railway." In the great cities electricity is still used, for the steam locomotive has almost completely given way to the diesel engine. But back to our first definition.

Locomotion is the act or power of moving from one place to another. It is the word "power" that holds our attention. In today's language we speak of the power of thrust. Is that new? Hardly. The sprinter, years before the use of starting blocks, dug a little hole with his spiked shoe and set himself for the starter's gun. At that sound he shot from his couch like a shell from a cannon. Here was thrust! Muscular bodies, activated by tremendous energy, drove the runners forward fast enough to run 100 yards in less than 10 seconds (9.1 is the record now).

Power! Steam power. Long before James Watt invented his steam engine men were aware of this power. A primitive steam power as we know it is barely 100 years old. The gasoline engine, diesel engine, and how the jet engine have all tried to put the steam locomotive out of business.

We old ones may grieve at the loss. Even the ear-splitting whine of the great jet planes cannot replace the thrill of standing beside a great locomotive throbbing with power. It seemed like a high-spirited race horse straining to start the race. Pent up power. Power spilling over in the sound of hissing steam.

But whether one is young, middle-aged, or ancient, he must recognize one great truth: Power can be misdirected and become only destructive; it can fritter away and lose all of its usefulness; or it can be channeled and directed to become a blessing to all.

Power is one of God's great gifts to mankind. There is physical power, mental power, spiritual power available for each of us. There is a human thrust that is designed to make the earth a veritable paradise. Somewhat it fritter away. Others misuse it and cause untold harm. Some few let it give the guided thrust to bring to their generation a new dimension and a fruitful heritage.

Even the unredeemed person is capable of tremendous thrust. But think of that extra power of which Jesus spoke when He said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."

with great enthusiasm. He described its complexities and schools of thought at great length. Whereupon at the end of the recitation, the theologian said with a slight gleam in his eye, "But after all, when you boil it down to basics, it is just a matter of 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star,' isn't it?"

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Guest Editorial

The Freeze And Church Staff Salaries

By John Roberts
In Baptist Courier (S.C.)

What about a raise for the pastor? Can other members of the church staff get a salary increase? What effect does the wage and price freeze have on church budget making?

These and similar questions have come to the Courier office from many churches since the President's 90-day freeze instituted Aug. 15. General Secretary A. Harold Cole has also received many similar inquiries. He and the editor have each sought specific answers from Internal Revenue officers and from the Office of Emergency Preparedness. The answers were slow in coming because every official wanted clarification and interpretation. Now we are satisfied that we have authentic information in hand.

The freeze on salaries and wages increases but no, they should not go into effect until the end of the freeze period. That ends on Nov. 15 unless it is extended. Cooperation is strictly voluntary.

"We urge the churches to budget for any planned salary increases," Dr. Cole told the Courier last Friday. "We

hope they will take such action in every instance where a raise is possible and justified. But the increase should become effective at the end of the government-imposed freeze period."

Dr. Cole recognized the responsibility of each church to make its own decision, saying he would not go beyond making a recommendation. He suggested that it would be far better for a church to budget for salary increases that might result in a surplus in the salary fund than to find itself bound by a limited budget in the middle of the fiscal year with all wage and price restrictions lifted.

The wage and price freeze is an important question for many churches. A majority of South Carolina's 1602 churches make their annual budget studies at this time of year. The suddenness that it left hundreds of church finance committees unable to complete their assignments. We urge them to proceed with their plans, and to decide on salaries as though the freeze were not in effect. Any raises may have to wait, however, on the end of the embargo period.

lems which are faced by our teenagers. The author is an authority in the field of marriage and the family and his book does make sense.

WHAT MUST I BELIEVE TO BE SAVED? by Leonard A. Westerfield (Exposition, 246 pp., \$5.50).

A book of sermons by a Baptist railroad man and pastor who lives in Louisville, Ky. The general theme is that Jesus Christ is the answer. These are not sermons in the ordinary sense of the word, but basically this is a message on God's early dealing with man and how it is related to Christ.

IDEAS FOR YOUTH OUTREACH compiled by Eugene Phillips, Vol. 2 (Convention Press, paper, 63 pp.).

A splendid variety of approaches for reaching young people for Christ and the church.

A TREASURY OF DWIGHT L. MOODY edited by Ralph G. Turnbull (Baker, paperback, \$2.95, 245 pp.).

The writings of Dwight L. Moody have continued to instruct and inspire through the decades since his death in 1899. The user of this new volume will appreciate it as a "treasury" for he will find sermons, talks, excerpts, outlines and illustrations from Moody's books and articles.

BIBLE KEY WORD QUIZZES by J. G. Malphus (Baker, paper, \$1.50, 106 pp.) Challenging Bible quizzes that any child or adult will enjoy or profit from.

THE BIBLE, THE SUPER-NATURAL, AND THE JEWS by McCandlish Phillips (World, 366 pp., \$7.95).

The author is a news editor and writer for the New York Times, so he gives a professional journalist's view of some of the modern problems of the supernatural as they are related to Christian faith. He writes with clarity, and with a directness which holds the readers attention, and with a perceptiveness which brings to the surface hidden meanings which many people miss. In this book he discusses the supernatural, the reality of God, demonology, witchcraft, and related subjects. He deals with issues which confront Christianity in this day, and presents a Christian believers response to them. The book is different, and touches an area of thought probably missed by most people, but it is an important contribution to Christian thinking in this day of religion confusion.

GET IN THE GAME by Edith Beavers Allen (Baker, paper, \$1.95, 90 pp.) An idea book for playing games, suitable for all ages. One section gives question, definition, and think games on Bible books, characters, and places.

DESIGN FOR CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE by Dwight Hervey Small (Fleming H. Revell, 255 pp., paperback, 95 cents) A sensible step-by-step plan for the young person's development from casual dating to dynamic Christ-centered marriage.

NEWEST BOOKS

THE ULTIMATE REALITY by Anis Shorosh (Shorosh Evangelistic Association, 3767 Airport Boulevard, Mobile, Ala. 36608, paper 88 pp., \$1.50).

Sermons by this outstanding Baptist who was born in Jordan but trained in the United States, and who has been used of God as an evangelist around the world. His seven messages are on the ultimate reality, Jesus, Prayer, Vision, God, Terror, Hell, Power, The Gospel and Hope of Christ Return. Many illustrations are given of how God has used this dedicated and effective young man.

THE FIRST FREEDOM by Bryce W. Rucker (Southern Illinois University Press 322 pp., \$2.85).

A study of the news media: newspapers, radio, television, magazines and books. He discusses limitations, competition, positive and negative values and the economic and political problems, especially of American Journalism. There are many tables and vast amounts of valuable material in this volume.

THE TRINITY by Donald Harris and William Harris (Zondervan, \$2.95, 100 pp.) A small booklet on the biblical foundation and importance of the doctrine of the trinity.

TEEN SENSE by David Edens (Warner, 113 pp., paper \$2.00).

The subtitle calls this "A Guide to the Turbulent Teens." Here are messages written in teenage language, directed at the prob-

Is Luther Reincarnate In A German Catholic Theologian?

By C. Brownlow Hastings
Department of Interfaith Witness
Home Mission Board, S. B. C.
(Roman Catholic Theologians Dispute
Papal Infallibility)

"What is the ground of christian faith? Is it the Church or the Bible? This is a false alternative. It is neither the Church nor the Bible. The ground of faith is God himself in Jesus Christ; it is therefore this Jesus Christ himself, who is attested originally in the Bible and constantly proclaimed anew by the Church." (p. 218).

No Sixteenth century reformer could find fault with this author's judgment on the alarming slow-down of the updating of the Roman Catholic Church: "...here is not simply an individual who fails in good faith, but rather that all this taken together is symbolic of the Roman system, which is still characterized by a spiritual absolutism, formalistic and frequently inhuman juridicism, and a traditionalism spelling death to genuine renewal that are really shocking to modern man" (p. 25).

Who is this Twentieth century Don Quixote, and is he merely tilting against the windmills of his own mind? He is none other than Hans Kung, one of the most widely read and highly respected Catholic theologians of our day. He is presently professor of Dogmatic Theology at the University of Tubingen, Germany. Infallible? An Inquiry is a 250 - page bombshell, originally published in Germany in 1970 to coincide with the centennial anniversary of the First Vatican Council, which decreed the infallibility of the pope, and published by Doubleday and Company in English during the recent Spring. In it Kung denies the doctrine of infallibility on the basis of Scripture, history and philosophy and proceeds to call for "a radical reform of the papacy according to the gospel of Jesus Christ" (p. 242).

Can we expect Kung to follow Charles Davis, the leading English Catholic theologian who left the Church in the mid-sixties, and join the more than 25,000 priests who have left the priesthood since Vatican II? Not at the present writing, at any rate. So far there has been no official move by the Vatican. Most observers do not anticipate anything as extreme as excommunication, which would give this would-be reformer martyr status just before the October Synod in Rome, whose first and chief concern is the future of the priesthood in the Roman Church.

Kung is not about to leave the Church under his own power. "Why I am Staying in the Church" is his confession of faith in the present crisis, as recorded in the Catholic periodical, America, for March 20, 1971. He states, "Because I draw hope out of faith, that as in the past, the program, the cause of Jesus Himself is stronger than all the misconduct in the Church. In spite of everything, for the sake of the cause of Christ, it is worthwhile to be involved in the Church as well as in the active ministry."

New Kung is not the first, nor is he the only voice, presently within the Roman Church to raise the issue of infallibility. The first occasion for American bishops to engage in an ecumenical council, Vatican I, 1869-70, saw a number of them very active in the strong minority that tried to head off the definition of the infallibility of the pope. Archbishops Peter Kenrick of St. Louis and John Purcell of Cincinnati and the fiery Bishop Verot of St. Augustine were among those who endangered future careers by arguing the case for a "collegiality" opportunity, unsubstantiated by Scripture and tradition, and damaging to the missionary and ecumenical needs of the Roman Church. They joined the 88 bishops who voted against the Dogmatic Constitution, Pastor Aeternus, in the trial voting of July 13, 1870. The final definition was carefully worded to protect against any "collegiality" of the bishops: "The Roman pontiff when he speaks ex cathedra, that is, when exercising the office of pastor and teacher of all Christians, he defines with his supreme apostolic authority a doctrine concerning faith or morals to be held by the universal Church, through the divine assistance promised to him in blessed Peter, is possessed of that infallibility with which the divine Redeemer willed his Church to be endowed in defining faith and morals; and therefore such definitions of the Roman pontiff are irreformable of themselves (and not from the consent of the Church.)"

This has nothing to do with the pope's character or with his ordinary teaching function. In fact, so great seems the awe of the popes at such sweeping authority that only once in the first hundred years has any pope invoked such: Pius XII in 1950 on the Dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Nor did even the prestigious Vatican II with its over 800 pages of decrees ask Pope Paul to invoke his authority, ex cathedra, to support the Council decrees. While re-emphasizing the dogma of infallibility of the pope, Vatican II did open the door to "collegiality" between the popes and the college of bishops.

In this new climate of openness the debate on infallibility once again is renewed. Bishop Francis Simons,

Holland born and Rome educated, missionary Bishop of Indore, has written Infallibility and the Evidence (Springfield, Illinois: Templegate, 1968), in which he examines every passage adduced from the Scriptures on primacy and infallibility. He like Kung, rejects the latter on the basis of both Scripture and Tradition.

Because this issue of infallibility reaches to the very heart of the worldwide problem of authority and freedom of conscience, we can expect much, much more debate. Now it may be rightly observed that the rank and

file of today's faithful Catholics could care less about such theological hair-splitting. But when it comes down to a decision about whether they can in good conscience obey the Pope's decree on birth control, then they cast their own small votes on the question of authority. And this in the face of a tradition of massive acceptance of the pope's authority even when he is not speaking ex cathedra.

Before we evangelicals rise in the balcony to cheer Kung's denial of papal infallibility we must be prepared to deal with his rejection of all in-

fallibilities, the Bible included. He tries to walk the tight-rope between "The faith of the Church is dependent on articles (proposition of faith)" and "It has not been proved that faith is dependent on infallible propositions" (p. 144-150). He prefers the term "indefectibility" to "infallibility" and concludes, "The Church will persist in the truth IN SPITE OF all ever possible errors!" (p. 175, capitals, his.)

We may not be able to appreciate Kung's involved arguments, nor predict the outcome of the continuing debate, but we applaud any evidence

that speaks for more religious freedom for the world's half-billion Roman Catholics. For 450 years we have hurled our own broadsides at Fortress Rome and only succeeded in agitating ever higher walls. Now we stand amazed at the sounds of struggle within the Fortress.

Whatever else our stance ought to be with reference to these portentous events we should look to our own gates and burnish them brightly with religious freedom for all. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will keep us from so institutionalizing and standardizing

our beliefs and practices that earnest, seeking men would not pass us by for repeating many of history's mistakes. Whereas the Roman Catholic faith has long held in effect that "We are assured in order that we may have faith," we must still bear our evangelical witness, "We have faith, so we are assured." There is no better expression of internal and external authority than the word of Paul, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Baptist Choir And Medical Teams Make Big Impact On Dominican People

PENSACOLA, Fla. (BP)—A Baptist musical-medical mission to the Dominican Republic has resulted in what one Latin American affairs expert has called the biggest U.S. "intervention" in that Caribbean island since President Lyndon B. Johnson sent American troops ashore during the 1965 Dominican Civil War.

But while the intervention of American troops resulted in "rancor" which still exists today, the Baptist-sponsored "intervention" will undoubtedly leave behind a large reservoir of good will, according to an analysis by Miami Herald Latin American Editor Don Bohning.

James Pleitz, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola which sponsored the two-week medical mission and choir trip, added that "not only did they represent our country well, our youngsters did a terrific job representing the Lord."

During the day, the 80 young people, 10 physicians and 39 adult sponsors and workers divided into 17 medical teams, setting up clinics in some of the poorest sections of the Dominican Republic and treating everything from the common cold to performing cataract surgery.

During the evenings, they per-

formed benefit concerts to raise funds for the country's rehabilitation programs. They sang twice in the Royal Palace before top government leaders including the president, and performed in city squares and on television before thousands of Dominican people.

President Joaquin Balaguer was so impressed with the Baptist youth that he invited the choir back to the Royal Palace to sing for him a second time and offered them the use of the presidential yacht for an entire day.

Though informed political observers like Bohning have praised the project for building good will between the Dominican Republic and the United States, there is no way to gauge its spiritual impact, said Pleitz in a telephone interview after the trip.

It is a little easier to gauge the medical results, he said. The medical teams treated more than 2,000 Dominican people, Pleitz estimated.

There were 22 patients who could not see before the Baptist teams arrived, but with surgery performed by the project's ophthalmologist with the help of the teenagers, they "walked away" from the clinics with sight, Pleitz added.

Several of the participants, in inter-

views after the trip, agreed that the experience probably made a greater impact on the team members than it did on the Dominican people.

"I'm sure we got a bigger blessing out of it than they did," said Dr. Connelly Pickens, a Pensacola pediatrician who participated in the medical mission.

"It really makes you appreciate your own country," added Nix Daniel, 19-year-old student at Wake Forest University from Pensacola. "I'll never take a warm shower for granted again," he added.

Daniel told of an experience he had working with Dr. Charles Clevenger, the ophthalmologist who performed two dozen cataract operations, when a 78-year-old Dominican woman after surgery saw her daughter for the first time in 30 years.

"Things like that are tangible," Daniel said. "You know you have actually done something to help these people to be better off physically, and I think that a lot of the work we did physically for these people is going to help Baptist missionary work down there in the future." Anytime you help a person physically, he is bound to be more receptive to you in other ways," the youth added.

Pleitz pointed out that in the city of Santo Domingo, the eye surgery was done in the sanctuary of Baptist Temple on the very spot where the pulpit is located. "I couldn't help but think that right there where the preacher had talked about the power of Christ to restore sight to the blind, that very thing did happen in the name of Christ," the pastor said.

The group divided into 17 medical teams, setting up clinics, laboratories and dental offices in four cities—Santo Domingo, Santiago, Baní and Boao.

The teenagers who made up the choir for the musical presentations, had been assigned months in advance to each team, headed by a physician and had been trained to do everything his nursing staff would do in the U.S.A.

The four dentists on the team pulled an estimated 1,680 teeth during the two weeks, and one dentist confessed to muscle spasms after yanking 76 teeth in one day. "You wouldn't believe some of the abscesses we saw," said Pleitz, describing beautiful young teenage girls with teeth rotting away because of lack of care.

A chartered jet plane from Pensacola to Santo Domingo carried nearly

five tons of medical supplies and equipment, including everything from lighting to dental chairs, to the island republic. Most of the medical supplies and some of the equipment was left in the Dominican Republic for future use.

In most cases, the medical teams worked in the poorest of the slum areas. They gave the people inoculations, filled prescriptions, assisted the physicians in patient treatment and tried to show their love for the people.

For more than a year, the teenagers had been studying Spanish every Sunday evening for an hour to give them an elementary understanding of the language of the people. Daniel said there was no communications barrier, for their message was "a universal language in itself."

Paul Royal, minister of music for the church who coordinated the mission trip, said that there was quite a contrast between working with the poorest of the poor in the medical clinics and singing in the Royal Palace for the top government officials, but it was this willingness to witness to all the people that won much approval by the Dominicans.

There was also no effort to separate the groups into musical and medical sections, since the youth participated in both aspects, he said.

In the Dominican Republic, the group was called "El Coro, Por Amor, de Pensacola" (literally, "The Chorus, For Love, of Pensacola"). In the U.S.A., the project was called "Operation: Good Samaritan South." The English-language name was not

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Baptist Building Maintenance



Clyde Williams, building and maintenance superintendent, is shown in front of the Baptist Building where he supervises all upkeep and repairs. He keeps constant check on upkeep and repair of all heavy equipment, such as air-conditioning and heating, desks, audio-visual equipment, and the two automotive vehicles the Convention Board owns.



Walter Logan is pictured vacuuming the hallway in front of the elevator on fourth floor. His chief occupation is seeing that all hallways and open areas are kept clean. He vacuums and shampoos carpets, mops and waxes the kitchen and other tiled floors.

To keep the new Baptist Building shining means that the maintenance staff must stay constantly busy.

A four-story building made mostly of glass means window washing for someone. Windows, outside, on the first floor, are washed several times a year.

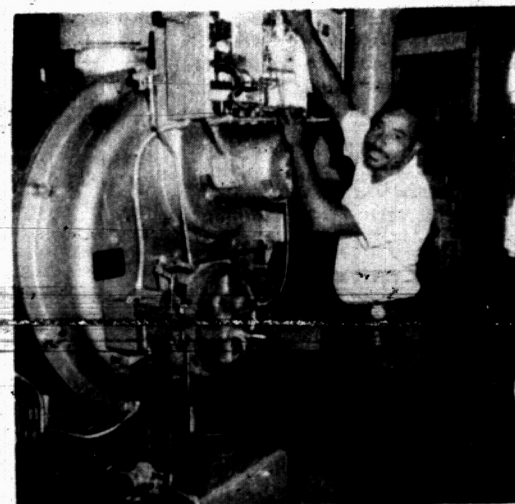
Windows, outside, on the upper floors, are washed usually once a year.

The Building has been repainted on the outside once since it was built. Inside walls will be repainted as necessary. Hallway walls are washable.

Carpeted floors must be vacu-



Mr. Williams is shown at the electric control panel which operates the heating and cooling system in the Baptist Building. In addition to other responsibilities, Mr. Williams also looks after the three chapel trailers owned by the Convention Board—their being moved, cleaned, repaired, etc. He supervised the air-conditioning repair job done at the BSU Center at Mississippi State, and also delivered the conditioners to the BSU Center at Delta State, Cleveland.



Freddie Cook, maintenance assistant, oversees the cleaning of the building and helps with repair of equipment. Above, he is shown in the "boiler room" checking central heating and cooling machinery.



Mrs. Beulah Bester, left, and Mrs. Willie Marshall are shown in the fourth floor Baptist Building kitchen. Their varied tasks include dusting and vacuuming individual offices.

umed or shampooed regularly. Tiled floors must be waxed and polished. Restrooms must be kept clean. Desks and chairs must be dusted, and wastebaskets emptied.

Light bulbs must be changed when necessary and light fixtures dusted periodically. This is a monumental job in itself, for all

the Building's ceilings are practically nothing but panels of light. The Baptist Record ceilings alone have at least 158 fluorescent light panels, and that is less than half of one floor!

Grass must be watered and-or mowed, shrubbery pruned, seasonal plants set out, gardens weeded, lines kept painted on the

parking lot, the grounds kept clean. The heating and cooling system must be checked and regulated.

The maintenance crew does all of these jobs, plus many more. It takes a lot of soap and water and wax and muscle and elbow grease, but the results are well worth it!



Raul Garcia, Maintenance assistant, native of Cuba, who recently became an American citizen, is in charge of the security of the building and grounds. He also oversees the upkeep of grounds and gardens, as well as the changing of light bulbs, fuses, etc., and doing minor electrical repairs. Above, he is watering the Joseph Court beside the Historical Library.

POWERLINE

LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

By PAUL M. STEVENS

Director, SBC Radio-Television Commission

Problems answered in this column are from actual letters to "Powerline," teen music program heard on 550 radio stations.

DON'T PRAY "BY SEAT OF PANTS"

Dear Powerline:

I am 16 and have been a Christian about three years, but now I've given up on God. I feel separated and can't get close to Him. When I pray, it seems like I'm talking to the air.

A few years ago a pilot flew his plane into a cloud. Moments later a radio operator heard him shout, "Help! I'm in a spin!" Then silence. The plane had crashed, killing the pilot. An investigation turned up a tragic story. In the turbulence and zero visibility of the cloud, the pilot had FELT he was in a spin. Actually, he was not. His frantic efforts to correct for the imagined spin had plunged him to his death.

Modern aircraft are equipped with instruments that tell the pilot just what the plane is doing. Pilots are disciplined to depend on what the instruments say. They don't dare depend on what their own senses tell them. In the trade, that's called "flying by the seat of your pants."

What's true in a physical sense is also true spiritually. For the Christian, God's word—the Bible—is the instrument to follow. Though you may FEEL separated from God, it's a phony feeling—if you've ever once genuinely committed your life to Jesus Christ. For the "instrument" says that all who make such a commitment will never be separated from God. Not here, nor in eternity. It may SEEM that you're talking to the air when you pray. But the "instrument" says that "we can be sure that He hears us if we ask anything that is in line with His will."

You might ask yourself if you were really on the level when you "became a Christian"—if you actually made a personal commitment of your life to Christ. If so, then enjoy feelings when they're good, and forget them when they're bad. They're not dependable—as a certain pilot could tell you. Rely on your "instrument," the guiding word of Jesus Christ. Don't pray "by the seat of your pants."

Interlaken Is Revival

By Ione Gray

The teen-agers sang of God's love. They sang in jeans and evening dresses with makeup and masks. They sang about God's love.

The adults came early to try for a seat on the front row to hear better every word of the Scottish preacher. They stayed late into the Swiss night to visit and to share the beauty and the fellowship.

The little children had their own "Junior Church" and then tried hard to be still when it came their turn to sing in the auditorium.

It was a little like a family week at one of the Southern Baptist assemblies, a little like any Baptist homecoming, a little like a church picnic.

It had a touch of the Jesus Movement of the United States as young people occasionally uttered "Wows" or lifted their right forefingers heavenward.

"Interlaken is revival," said a U. S. serviceman.

"Meeting with other Christians and seeking to find how God wants to use me means more than all the beauty of Interlaken," said a U. S. tourist. It was her first Christian conference.

Interlaken is a small tourist resort set in a green valley surrounded by massive and majestic mountains in central Switzerland. It connects two lakes continuously fed by gushing glacial streams. Its name means "between the lakes."

But to Baptists of the European Baptist Convention (English language Interlaken is reunion and revival.

More than 800 registered for the convention's 11th annual summer assembly held there July 10-15. Most came from the convention's 37 churches. A few were visitors, including tourists.

About 90 per cent of those attending the conference were members of Southern Baptist churches before becoming temporarily stationed in Europe. An equal number are members of U. S. military families (27 of the 37 churches are located in Germany).

The Bible was preached and taught as relevant and practical. Andrew D. MacRae, president of the European Baptist Federation and secretary-superintendent of the Baptist Union of Scotland, was preacher for the morning and evening worship services throughout the assembly. Denton Lott, fraternal representative to central and eastern Europe for the Foreign Mission Society of the American Baptist Convention, taught the epistle of James.

Each morning MacRae presented a characteristic of the Christian life: "Confidence in Christ," "Christ, the Center of Life," "Consecration of Life," "Continuance in the Christian Life," and "Certainty in the Christian Life."

Each evening he directed a question to the congregation: "Why are you here?" "Are You a Mini-Christian?" "What Difference Has It Made?" and "Are You Convincing?"

Sixty-six youths lived in a bomb shelter under the city auditor-

ium where the meeting was held. On the last evening they and the other people presented a folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is."

A number of young people and adults answered the invitations to public avowal of commitment to Christ, some to rededication of life, some to Christian vocations, and a few to acceptance of him as Savior.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Elkins of Houston, Tex., currently in Kaiserslautern, Germany, coordinated the varied youth program. In Europe with the U. S. Air Force, he is youth director for the European Baptist Convention.

F. William Schahn, minister of music and youth, First Baptist Church, Port Arthur, Tex., was music director for the assembly.

With a group of graded choirs and a number of soloists, the musical portion of each worship service was a special event. Carroll Miller of Lufkin, Tex., was pianist.

The Continental Singers and Orchestra, a group of Christian young people from the States, joined the Interlaken Baptists for the last two days. They also gave an afternoon concert in central Interlaken.

Activity and study sessions were provided for all ages. Adults had seven areas of study from which to choose. The largest group chose "Baptists in Europe—1971," taught by Traugott Vogel, German pastor of one of the English-speaking churches. (He is also pastor of a German congregation, organized in the same English-speaking church.)

Vogel called Baptists who don't show up when they come to Europe "submarine Christians." They are also the concern of the pastors of the English-speaking convention, whether those pastors are Southern Baptist missionaries, military men stationed in the area of their churches, or civilians.

Although the Baptists at Interlaken this summer represented about one third of the current membership of the churches of the convention, that membership of more than 2,500 represents only a fraction of the U. S. Baptists stationed in Europe in various capacities. The pastors and other church leaders are looking for ways by which Baptists coming to Europe may know in advance of churches existing in the areas to which they are moving. Seeking out these English-speaking Baptists in Europe is a difficult if not impossible job.

This year's Interlaken program was directed by J. D. Scolaro of Tampa, Fla., now pastor of a church in Hanau, Germany. Near the end of a three-year tour, he will soon be returning to the States to continue his theological education. "Being in Europe gives one a sense of universality," he says. "Here one realizes that the Christian witness is a mandate to all people."

Churches of the English-speaking European Baptist Convention experience a constant rotation of membership. In addition to the churches in Germany, there are two in Belgium, four in England, one in France, two in Italy and one in Spain.

The convention had its beginning in 1858 when two churches in Germany

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used in the Dominican Republic to avoid any appearance of paternalism, Royal said.

The project began more than a year ago when the church began thinking of ways to get youth and others involved in helping people in need, said Pleitz.

Royal said it went back even further to 1969 when a group of teenagers went to Pass Christian, Miss., to rebuild a church destroyed by Hurricane Camille. The youth realized then that Christianity is something you do, and that they should put their faith into action, he added.

Contact was made with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and it was ultimately decided the group could best be utilized in the Dominican Republic.

The day after their arrival in the country the choir presented a benefit concert at the Royal Palace before top government leaders, including President Balaguer and Vice President Carlos Gorco.

The president insisted that the youth take an eight-hour cruise on his yacht and that they return to the palace for a second, private concert to sing his favorite songs from the performance, a Dominican popular

song entitled, "Por Amor," from which the group took their project name and "Pass It On," from the religious folk musicals, "Tell It Like It Is." At the second concert, the president greeted each teenager individually.

Singing before the president was a thrilling experience, Royal agreed, but performing before an estimated 2,000 to 3,000 people in the public square at Banao and about 1,500 in Baní was equally exciting in a different way, he said.

"We weren't prepared for their reaction," he said. The crowds jammed closer and closer to the platform and at one time even came up on the platform with the choir. They shouted and clapped their approval in the middle of the songs, often drowning out the music with thunderous applause. In Banao, the crowd stood in a hard rain to hear the choir.

Twice the group sang on nationwide television on one of the island's most popular programs. They gave about a dozen concerts in all, each concluded with a brief sermonette by Pleitz.

There were no evangelistic crusades conducted as a part of the effort, although there were probably a dozen professions of faith in church services in which the choir teams sang and gave personal testimonies.

But the long-range effect on Baptist mission work in the Dominican Republic will no doubt be significant.

Already "relationships in the community are more solid as a result of the groups' work," said Missionary Howard Shoemaker of Santo Domingo in a ham radio-patch telephone interview after the trip.

"There was excellent response to everything the group attempted," Shoemaker said. He added that a Dominican physician had told him that he could not think of a better way for Baptists to have shown how they think and work.

Shoemaker said that the extent of press and radio-television coverage was tremendous, and "we couldn't have asked for one word more" in coverage.

He added that in the wake of the tragic murder of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Potter, SBC missionaries to Santiago who were found stabbed to death in their bed, the people there "are watching us to see if we really mean what we say as Christians in regard to our faith."

Although news reports indicated that anti-American slogans had been written on the Potter's car, Pleitz said that the Pensacola group encountered no anti-American sentiments on the trip. The closest thing to it was an

incident in Santiago when it looked as if some Dominican youth were going to throw stones at some Pensacola youth, but nothing happened.

In fact, both Pleitz and Royal agreed, the group was overwhelmed with the friendliness of the Dominican people. "They once were almost too friendly," quipped Pleitz, relating an incident when they offered the group some rum to drink.

When the choir left, both the Americans and the Dominicans wept openly. They did not want to end the close friendships brought about by the "Por Amor" project.

Royal said the youth returned convinced that they had received far more than they had given, and convinced that they must do more at home to meet human need similar to those they found in the Dominican Republic.

"They felt to the man that in order for us to enjoy the integrity of proclaiming the reason we did this, we must carry out the same sort of ministry, the same sort of sharing right here in Pensacola," said Royal.

"They told me repeatedly, 'We've found more joy in sharing and really giving of ourselves than we ever found in our lives,'" Royal concluded. "And they asked, 'Why don't we do this at home?'"

Revival - - One Year Later

By Bill Moseley, Pastor, Byhalia

Slightly more than one year ago the Byhalia Church experienced the greatest revival that it had ever known when two Asbury students came to share with the church. A spontaneous revival broke out at the close of the regular summer revival and services continued nightly for eight more nights.

Since that time the church has not stopped seeing the mighty hand of God at work and is continually seeing the Holy Spirit bless in a perennial revival. Some of the major differences and blessings the church is experiencing is:

Attendance is about double in Sunday School. The church was averaging 75-85 and now has 140-150 on many Sundays. The Christian training was averaging in the 30's and now many Sunday nights we will have 80-85.

A Children's Church is being conducted each Sunday morning during the regular morning worship service. This began as an outgrowth of the bus ministry and now we would have to put chairs in the aisles on many Sundays if the children were not meeting downstairs. There are two "lady preachers" that God has called for this ministry who are doing a wonderful job.

A bus ministry was begun and now the church has two buses and there is a need to get another one soon. Many people have been won to the Lord through the bus ministry.

During the last church year there were 33 baptisms and so far this year the pastor has baptized 60 people.

God has called one young man into the ministry and several other young people are earnestly seeking God's plan for their lives. There are laymen who have supplied for the pastor and souls were saved. The members are finding that God is capable of leading them into a real place of service, as laymen and local members supplied the pulpit when the pastor was gone for two Sundays. There were decisions made at all four of the services.

There is a men's prayer meeting

each Tuesday night and a ladies' prayer group each Thursday night. These have played a tremendous part in the evangelistic efforts of the church.

The church has called a music and youth director.

The church is in the midst of building a new auditorium and educational building that is badly needed as several classes during Sunday School have been meeting outside this summer.

In looking back over the past year I feel that all of these things have come directly from the outpouring of God's Spirit in our midst. Yet we feel sometimes that we have barely scratched that surface of seeing what God can do. We have not sought to meet goals and reach numbers, but rather these visible blessings have come about as we seek to surrender ourselves to Jesus Christ and let the Holy Spirit fill us and use us.

Our services are refreshing to our hearts as we simply structure them in a very loose manner and trust the Holy Spirit to lead the way he desires so that Christ will be glorified. Many times this year we have seen services that lasted 1½ to two hours as the moving of the Spirit would be evident in a mighty way. As recently as the last two Sunday nights, our services lasted nearly two and one half hours. We do not try to have long services; we simply yield to the Spirit's leadership. In many services it is not unusual to see a dozen people praying at the altar during the invitation as they seek a closer walk with the Lord.

These are the last days and God is calling out to his people. As they surrender to him, he fills them with His Spirit and we are seeing manifestations occur from time to time.

However, God has not picked out our church above all churches, but desperately desires to see similar things happen in every church in Mississippi. To God be the glory that he can still work miracles and still call out to his people. That revival is spreading. To God be the glory that this can happen wherever people want it to happen. (Psalms 118:23)



Van Winkle Church men's softball team recently presented the church with a beautiful first place trophy for their victory in the State Baptist Slowpitch Softball Tournament. The tournament, played in Jackson, was host to teams from across the state. The 12 teams competed in a single elimination tournament on August 19-21. Van Winkle, Jackson, had to face Bowmar Avenue of Vicksburg, Grandview of Rankin County, Forest Hill of Hinds County, Midway of Jackson, and First of Leland for the championship. Good hitting and tight defense were the key for the victors. They scored a total of 79 runs while giving up only 32 during the entire tournament. Presenting the TROPHY IS R. W. Brister, left, tournament director, to Rev. H. A. Milner, pastor. L to R in back: T. Smith, T. Riley, J. Cummins, L. Riley, J. Heiden, B. Smith, A. D. McClure, B. Vandevender, A. Morrison, and H. Staley.

There is more competition in being rich than in being honest. The only sure thing about life is that it will change.

A luxury becomes a necessity if your neighbor has it.

If women are so fond of clothes, why don't they wear more of them?

Devotional

The Hills Of Christ

By J. S. Riser, Jackson

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help...." (Psalm 121:1-2).

Subject — The Hill Of Teaching — or of Instruction In The Things Of Christ Text — Matthew 5:2 — "...He opened His mouth, and taught them."

In Matthew 5:1-7:29 and in Luke 6:17-49, the Holy Spirit led these two writers to record a marvelous message of teaching which is usually referred to as "The Sermon On The Mount." This message was delivered on "a level place on a mountain, not far from Capernaum," and the audience was made up of disciples of our blessed Saviour and Lord during the early months of "His Public Ministry of His Days In The Flesh."

Ever so often, we hear some one say this message contains all the Gospel he needs, but such a statement is far from correct. This wonderful message contains not a word about the Virgin Birth of Christ, not a word about His supreme sacrifice on Calvary's Cross for the salvation of the lost, not a word about His glorious Resurrection, and not a word about His Triumphant Second Coming. The way of salvation is explained fully in many places in the Scriptures, but not in the Sermon On The Mount; this marvelous message tells saved people how to live for Christ in this world instead of telling unsaved people how to be saved.

I personally believe wholeheartedly in an educated ministry; in the use of commentaries which are true to Christ; in present day "helps," which are true to Christ, for use by the laity in particular in preparation for Bible teaching in the organizations of our churches; and for present-day theological discussion which is true to Christ. My advice to all of us who preach or teach the Bible is this: "use all the helps" you can get in studying the Bible, but study the Bible first, after earnest prayer; otherwise you may teach someone's comment on a given passage instead of the passage itself. If all of us who preach or teach God's Holy word would "sit at the feet of Christ" and be instructed by Him in the things concerning Himself much more frequently than we do, He could use us in a much greater way to glorify His Name here in this world.

"My word... shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please..." (Isaiah 55:11).

Seventy-Six Associations To Hold Meetings In October

Seventy-six associations in the state will hold annual meetings in October, as follows:

(All dates listed are in October.)

Adams: 18, Immanuel; 19, Bethel; Alcorn: 14, Rienzi; 15, Kendrick; Atlanta: 18, 19, First, Kosciusko; Benton: 4, 5, Pine Grove; Bolivar: 18, Bellevue; 19, Skene; Calhoun: 18, First, Verdaman; 19, First, Bruce; Carroll: 11, Carrollton; 12, McCarty; Chickasaw: 18, Bethel; 19, First, Okolona; Choctaw: 13, Ackerman; 14, Chester; 15, 11, 12, Enterprise; Clay: 11, 12, Cedar Bluff; Copiah: 14, Stronghope; 15, Georgetown; Covington: 18, Williamsburg; 19, Willow Grove; DeSoto: 18, Colonial Hill; 19, First, Olive Branch; Franklin: 11, Bunkley; 12, Meadville; George: 18, 19, Southside Mission; Greene: 25, Pleasant Hill; 26, West Salem; Grenada: 11, 12, Hebron; Gulf Coast: 18, Trinity; 19, Handsboro; Hinds: Madison: 18, 19, Briarwood Drive; Holmes: 11, Horseshoe; 12, First, Durant; Humphreys: 14, (place unavailable); Itawamba: 11, Evergreen; 12, Salem; Jackson: 18, First, Ocean Springs; 19, Unity; Jasper: 18, Louin; 19, Edon; Jeff-Davis: 21, Victory; 22, Phalt; Jones: 18, Plainway; 19, Glade; Kemper: 14, Liberty; 15, Scooba; Lafayette: 4, Clear Creek; 5, North Oxford; 6, Abbeville; Lamar: 11, Oloh; 12, First, Sumrall; Lauderdale: 25, 26, Eighth Avenue; Lawrence: 18, Nola; 19, Shiloh; Leake: 21, Trinity; 22, Mt. Zion; Lebonore: 19, Thirty-Eighth Ave. (A.M.) Carterville (P.M.); Lee: 18, Verona; 19, Chesterville; 19, Auburn; Leflore: 18, First, Minter City; 19, Calhoun; Greenwood: 11, Lincoln; 21, Mt. Moriah; 22, Moak's Creek; Lowndes: 18, Border Springs; 19, Antioch; Marion: 4, North Columbia; 5, Bunker Hill; Marshall: 11, Slayden; 12, Cornersville; 13, Mississippi; 14, Centerville; 15, Gillsburg; Monroe: 18, Hamilton; 19, Becker; Montgomery: 18, Bethlehem; 19, Eskridge; Neshoba: 12, E. Philadelphia; 13, Spring Creek; New Choctaw: 1, 2, Hopewell; Newton: 18, Hopewell; 19, First, Newton; Noxubee: 11, 12, Brooksville; Oktibbeha: 14, Friendship; 15, Morgan Chapel;

Panola: 18, Como; 19, Liberty Hill; Pearl River: 18, 19, Goodyear; Perry: 21, 22, Good Hope; Pike: 21, 22, Terry's Creek; Pontotoc: 14, First, Pontotoc; 15, Longview; Prentiss: 20, 21, First Booneville; Quitman: 14, Hollywood; 12, Blue Lake; Rankin: 18, Antioch; 19, Dry Creek; Riverdale: 11, 12, Lula; Scott: 18, Ephesus; 19, Clifton; Sharkey-Issaquena: 18, 19, Augusta; Sherman: 18, First, Mendenhall; 19, Eastside; Smith: 11, 12, Taylorsville; Sunflower: 12, First, Indianola; 12, West Drew; Tallahatchie: 13, Brazil; 14, Corinth; Tate: 18, 19, Arkabutla; Tippah: 12, 13, Oakland; Tishomingo: 12, Calvary; Belmont: 12, Burton; 13, Highland; Union: 11, Elmo; 12, Shiloh; Union County: 19, Bethel; 20, Macedonia; Walthall: 11, 12, Tyertown; Warren: 11, Goodrum Memorial; 12, Ridgeway; Washington: 12, Glendale; Wayne: 18, Calvary; 19, Pleasant Grove; Winston: 18, First, Louisville; 19, Murphy Creek; Yalobusha: 18, Wayside; 19, First, Water Valley; Yazoo: 21, 22, Center Ridge; Zion: 25, Cumberland; 26, Dorroh Lake Assembly.

REVIVAL RESULTS

First, Rienzi: August 22-27; Rev. M. E. Perry, Greenville, evangelist; Rev. Joe Holcomb, pastor; eight professions of faith; 16 baptized following revival, making a total of 94 baptisms at the church since Mr. Holcomb became pastor in April 1970; homecoming held September 5. (The church has been remodeled with wall-to-wall carpeting placed in the auditorium and in all other rooms, and new furniture bought for the sanctuary. The church is debt-free).

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God Revealed Himself Through His Son, Jesus Christ

By Clifton J. Allen
John 1:1-18

We should keep in mind the theme of these lessons, namely, "The Doctrine of God." And now for seven lessons, the emphasis will be on what God does. We cannot understand who God is apart from what God does. Actually, to understand God's nature and God's acts we must look at Jesus Christ. God revealed himself completely and finally through incarnation of his only Son: Christ came into the world to make God manifest and to accomplish God's saving purpose. Therefore, this lesson is the very heart of a true understanding of God. He has revealed himself in Christ, so that we know that God is personal, God is life and light, God is grace and truth, God is real, and God is love.

The Lesson Explained
The Word of God
Verses 1-5

These verses tell of the preexistence of Christ, declare the deity of Christ, and affirm the supremacy of Christ as the revealer of God. But our concern in this lesson is to discover all we can about God. We should keep this in mind: The Word of God was with God, face to face. The Word was God, the same in essence and nature as God. Hence, the Word of God describes God himself. The "Word" was understood by the writer of the Gospel to have dynamic energy or to be the very projection of God. It could be said to stand for God. Also, in the mind of the writer, the "Word" included the concept of reason or thought or truth. Hence it called for expression or communication. All this emphasizes the fact that God is a person, the supreme Person, whose energy is creative, whose thought can be communicated, and whose nature requires self-revelation. Therefore, we see in Christ the thought and wisdom of God, the purpose and power of God, and the attitude and compassion of God.

God Is Flesh
Verses 14-18

The Word became flesh, that is, he became a man on earth. The God of our Christian faith, in order to make himself manifest in perfect love and righteousness, in absolute truth and saving grace, was willing to come down to man's level, experience the weakness of flesh, experience every kind of temptation but without yielding to any temptation, endure humiliation to the extent of death on the cross, and gave his life as an offering for sin — all this God did through Christ for the redemption of the world. Thus the fullness of God's grace and the fullness of his truth were revealed and offered to mankind. John the Baptist was his first witness, but many, many others beheld him and bore witness to him. God in Christ offered the riches of his abundant grace to men, and many received the grace of God in Christ. No human being has ever seen God face to face in the perfection of his infinite glory; but the Son, who rests in the bosom of the Father and who is one with the Father, became flesh on earth that men might

see the glory and goodness of God in a living person, who is the Saviour of the world.

God Experienced By Faith
Verses 9-13

The Word of God, the true light that illumines the conscience of every man and makes man morally responsible, came into the world. He came into the world which he created. He came to his own people, the covenant people of Israel. But the chosen people of God largely rejected the Savior sent from God. "His own received him not." But some did receive him by believing in him; and these were born anew into the family of God, were given the status as the children of God, and became partakers of the nature of God by faith.

We thus learn much about God's revelation of himself. He takes the initiative. He comes to the world in its rebellion and unbelief. The world is God's creation, and the people of the world rightly belong to God. God offers himself through Christ. He can be received by faith and faith alone. Faith means openness to God, yieldness to God, response to the grace of God, and trust in the Son of God. And all who receive him by faith in Christ are true children by faith and are born anew into the image of the Son of God.

as the supreme expression of the love of God for a lost world. Because God came in Christ, we know him as real and personal. We know that he is the conqueror of the power of evil and death. We know that he is the friend of sinners and the servant of mankind. We know something of his righteous wrath against hypocrisy and selfishness and lust and hate, and we know something of the wonder of his forgiveness and love and hope. We know that God suffers and that God is faithful. We know that God is our wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption and that through God in Christ we have fullness of life forevermore.

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East Louisville Calls Pastor

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A native Mississippian, Mr. Davis spent his early years in Herndon, and graduated from Mississippi College, where he majored in Bible and religious education.

Mrs. Davis, a native of Florida, is the former Elizabeth (Betty) Waldron. They have three children, Lori Ann 8, Janet Lynn 5, and Charles, Jr. (Chuck) 2.

Mr. Davis formerly served as part-time music director of Twin Lakes Church in Florida, and was pastor of Tinsley Church, Tinsley, from 1964 to 1970.

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Should A Christian Drink?

I Cor. 6:19-20; 8:9-13;
Romans 14:17-21
By Bill Duncan

This is just as important a question as can be asked in our society today. Should a person drink? Should a Christian drink? We have seen a lot of people get excited about marijuana and hard drugs. People have even become fearful that people will put LSD on the potato chips. But they have not tried to teach the dangers of alcoholic beverages. Our society drinks too much.

In 1963 Harold A. Mulford got an overall statistical sampling of the United States population in terms of drinking behavior. Of the number interviewed 71% were drinkers of alcoholic beverages and only 8% had quit drinking. Of those who drank, 10% have had real trouble in drinking. These troubles are as follows: being fired or threatened to be fired if one does not quit drinking; being left or threatened to be left by one's spouse if one does not do something about his drinking; being charged by a family member of overspending on alcoholic beverages; being arrested for intoxicating or other charges which involve the use of alcohol as a beverage; being told by a physician that drinking is injurious to the health of the subject. Two facts were interesting. . . the person with 16 years of education drank the most and the larger the residence community also the higher the percentage of drinkers.

Wayne Oates concluded after studying the Mulford survey that Baptists are the lowest in their percentage of deviant drinkers, but Baptists are the highest in the amount of trouble into which the deviant drinking gets them. Why should a person not drink? The first reason I want you to consider is what alcohol is and does as a reason. When alcoholic beverages are used, the body carries it by circulation to all parts of the body. Whenever alcohol touches bodily tissues, it has one effect: it serves as a depressant. This means that it retards or stops the function of any protoplasm upon which it acts directly. Not all tissues of the body are affected to the same extent by alcohol. The higher centers of the central nervous system are particularly sensitive as compared with a muscle. For this reason we see the disturbance of thought processes, of mood, of sensation and of coordination are the first symptoms after the injection of alcohol. An increasing amount of alcohol causes mental confusion visual and auditory effect and skin changes. Alcohol is poisonous to an organism.

Why should a Christian not drink? There are many opinions about alcohol within Christian circles. Some advocate alcohol while others have the "devil-in-the-bottle" idea. We need God to shed new light about the complex problem of alcohol and alcoholism. (1) The church has traditionally seen drinking of alcohol as a sin. The local church's definition of sin determines the nature and basis of the fellowship among its members. Sin breaks fellowship, and isolates. This attitude seeks to eliminate alcohol and blames all evil on alcohol. This attitude has done very little to help the man with the problem.

Dr. Wayne E. Oates in his book, Alcohol in and out of the Church sets forth three teachings of the New Testament as a creative attitude toward sin in relation to alcohol and alcoholism. The first must be considered with this lesson. "Alcohol is a part of creation, and our task is to find God's intention for its use so it can bless and not curse human life. God means all of his creations to consecrate and not desecrate life. Evil lies in the heart of man and not in the bottle. What comes out of the heart of man defiles him, not what enters his mouth."

Because alcohol is harmful to the person when he takes it as a beverage, he should be taught not to "touch the stuff." Many people have known better and began to drink as a rebellion against the advice of the parents and the mothering church and as a result is kept in force by the use of alcohol.

A person should not drink because I Cor. 6:19-20 says that the body of man is created by God and we should not harm or destroy it. The body allows us to be the servants of God. If the body belongs to God then we should respect his right to direct its use and glorify God by the way we live. Alcohol is not the only thing that will hurt or harm the body.

The stewardship of influence is forever before the Christian. We are always seeking to please God and influencing people to do what is right. If a Christian were to drink and a

weak Christian use him as an excuse and then destroy his life by the habit, the sin of alcohol as a beverage would be terrible. There are many people who read I Cor. 8:9-13 and never think it applies to social drinking or private drinking. No one wants to be a drunk; neither should anyone want to be a wrong influence. A Christian must be careful at all times.

A careful look at Romans 14:17-21 leads one to say that one should seek to do the right not the wrong. A positive life of righteousness, peace and joy will not include alcohol as a beverage in any form. The Christian influence is imparted even in this scripture.

Let us give the question this four-way test:

1. Is it right for a Christian to drink?
2. Is it helpful to all people?
3. Will it build good will and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Lebanon Association Reports 19,403 Members

The minutes of the Lebanon Baptist Assn. for 1970 have been distributed to the 34 churches in the association.

They reveal that there were 619 baptisms and a membership of 19,403. Receipts were \$1,536,444 and mission expenditures were \$242,949. Value of church property was \$7,736,952.

Other figures reveal that the Sunday School enrollment was 10,672; music ministry enrollment was 2905; Training Union enrollment was 694; WMU enrollment was 1994; and Brotherhood enrollment was 911.

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